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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN IOWA TELECOM REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY—Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking a waiver of a Commission rule regarding deposits and guarantees of payment to residential customers.

A Commission rule requires that customer deposits bear interest at a rate equal to 1% above the prime lending rate as published by the *Wall Street Journal*. Iowa Telecom seeks a waiver of the rule in order to follow a rule set by the Iowa Utilities Board, which provides that interest on such deposits be computed at 7.5% per annum, compounded annually.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **April 3, 2006**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360. Copies of the application should be sent to: James M. Fischer, Fischer & Dority, P.C., 101 Madison Street, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Commission. Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

Iowa Telecom provides telecommunications services to approximately 100 customers in the Missouri counties of Clark, Nodaway and Putnam.